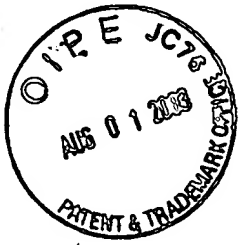


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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003. The period for response to the February 6, 2003, Action was restarted in a communication (Action) dated May 1, 2003. Therefore, no extension fee is required in connection with this response.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.